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1. TRYBUNA LUDU OF MARCH 15 CARRIED COMMENTARY BY LUDWIK KRASUCKI ON THE RECENT SOFIA CONFERENCE OF PARTY SECRETARIES ENTITLED, "THE ACCOMPLISHMENT AND DIRECTIONS OF THE EDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE." KRASUCKI DENIED THAT THE MEETING WAS CALLED UNEXPECTEDLY, AS "BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA'S LATEST ANTI-SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN" SUGGESTED. "THERE IS NO QUESTION OF OUR ENEMIES' THRUSTING THEMES FOR DISCUSSION UPON US", HE SAID, AND ADDED, "OF COURSE, BECAUSE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE IS AT ISSUE, THEY (THE ENEMIES' THEMES) WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION."

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2. THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE SOFIA CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT "UNDERLYING THE REACTIONARIES" SHARPENING OF THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE AGAINST SOCIALISM IS AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THEIR OWN SOCIETIES AWAY FROM THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM" AT THE SAME TIME, THE REACTIONARIES HOPE TO: A) DESTROY SUPPORT FOR SOCIALIST SOLUTIONS TO SOCIAL PROBLEMS; B) UNDERMINE THE UNITY OF

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND C) IMPEDE THE PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, WHICH SERVES THE CAUSE OF PROGRESS. THE REPORT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE CAMPAIGN IS OBVIOUSLY AN "OVERTURE TO THE BELGRADE MEETING."

3. KRASUCKI SAID THE "REVISIONIST CAMPAIGN" DOES NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE ON THE "HISTORICAL OFFENSIVE" IN PROMOTING "FREEDOME AND PROGRESS, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, PEACE AND SOCIALISM, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF REAL HUMANISM." KRASUCKI SAYS THAT RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED AT SOFIA CONCERNING "FURTHER COORDINATION OF PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES, GIVING THEM EVEN MORE THE CHARACTER OF AN OFFENSIVE." MOREOVER, A "DIALECTICAL UNITY" EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO FOUNDATIONS OF IDEOLOGICAL-EDUCATIONALS WORK, IE, PROPAGATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SOCIALISM AND UNMASKING THE ESSENCE OF CAPITALISM. THE SOFIA CONFERENCE OUTLINED THE NEED TO DEVELOP A "CONSTRUCTIVE CAMPAIGN IN FAVOR OF THE PRINCIPLES IN THE FINAL CSCE ACT" AND "A DEEPER ANALYSIS OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM."

4. DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING DOCUMENTATION OF THE "GROWING ROLE OF SOCIALISM" AT THE SOFIA CONFERENCE, KRASUCKI NOTES THAT A "SMALL GROUP" OF "ENEMIES OF THE NEW SYSTEM" WHO "SPECIALIZE IN SUPPLYING FODDER FOR SUCCESSIVE ATTEMPTS TO RENEW THE ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE", ARE STILL ACTIVE IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, "THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE PHRASES OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND HUMANISM USED BY THE INSTIGATORS AND THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITION AND INTENTIONS IS THE FACTOR WHICH SPELLS FIASCO FROM THE START".

5. KRASUCKI ALSO REPORTS THAT PLANS WERE MADE TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, "THE DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD." HE SAYS THE POLISH DELEGATION REPORTED "FULL REALIZATION OF PREVIOUS COMMON RESOLUTIONS" AND ADDED THAT "NUMEROUS INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY THE PZPR DELEGATION" WERE ACCEPTED.

6. COMMENT: THE TURGID PROSE OF KRASUCKI'S ARTICLE IS NOT COMMON IN THE POLISH PRESS, ALTHOUGH IT HAS APPEARED MORE FREQUENTLY SINCE THE SOFIA MEETING. A POLISH NEWSPAPERMAN RECENTLY TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT MAJOR JOURNALISTS HAVE REFUSED TO WRITE THESE IDEOLOGICAL PIECES AND EDITORS HAVE HAD TO FIND RELATIVELY UNKNOWN PEOPLE TO TAKE THESE ASSIGNMENTS.

7. THE SHARPENED IDEOLOGICAL TONE WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY

APPROVED AT THE SOFIA CONFERENCE HAS NOT TAKEN
HOLD IN THE POLISH PRESS. FOR EXAMPLE,
ADAM STANEK WRITING IN A TRYBUNA LUDU ARTICLE OF MARCH 14,
ENTITLED "FEARS OF AN OUTBURST", GAVE ALMOST OBJECTIVE
COVERAGE TO WASHINGTON POLICH CHIEF GERRY WILSON'S REPORTED
WARNING ABOUT RIOTS IN THE UNITED STATES. STANEK SAID THAT
USE OF MILITARY FORCE WAS ONE OF "A RATHER LONG LIST OF
SUGGESTIONS" ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE MASS DEMONSTRATIONS.
THE SAME STORY, HOWEVER, WAS RE-
PORTED IN THE MILITARY DAILY, ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, IN A
VEHEMENT MARCH 16 ARTICLE ENTITLED "USA POLICE PREPARE
BRUTAL REPRESSION", CHICH ACCUSED WILSON OF HAVING SET UP A
"CONCENTRATION CAMP" DURING THE MAY, 1971, WASHINGTON
DEMONSTRATIONS. THE MILITARY DAILY, HOWEVER, HAS A LONG
HISTORY OF BEING SHARPER ON MY MANY STORIES THAN EITHER TRYBUNA
LUDU OR ZYCIE WARSZAWY.

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